Nos. 1334 to 1343 of 1993 has observed that in order to achieve the production target of 4600 million metres for the handlooms during the 7th Plan a minimum 460 million kg. of hank yarn per year was required. In the 8th plan the production for cloth for handloom sector has been targetted as 7000 million metres out of which cotton cloth is 5610 million metres. In order to achieve this target 561 million kg. of hank yarn is required.

(b) The delivery of cotton hank yarn by the textile mills during the last three years is as under;

(In Million Kgs.)

| Year | Quantity |
|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 328 |
| 1992-93 | 349 |
| 1993-94 (P) | 376 |

(c) Supply of yarn is made by all the spinning mills, composite mills and their depots and traders in the country directly and therefore the details of supply to any particular sector is not available.

(d) After delivery of Judgement by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 17th March, 1993, the office of the Textile Commissioner have issued instructions to all its Regional Offices as under:

1. To move the High Courts through Government counsels to get the wirt petitions, challenging the validity of hank yarn packing notification dated 29th March 1990, dismissed quoting the Supreme Court Judgement and get stays vacated.
2. Regional offices were advised to file FIR against the defaulters of the Hank Yarn.
3. Export of cotton yarn is linked with the fulfilment of Hank Yarn obligation by the mills.

(e) The Penal Provision for defaulting producers of yarn is prosecution under the Essential Commodities Act. In addition the mills cannot export yarn if they default in fulfilling their Hank Yarn obligation....

**Cotton seed production by Cotton Corporation of India**

3806. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India propose to take up cotton seed production;

(b) if so, the objectives of the decision;

(c) whether any special seed varieties will be propagated in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Cotton Corporation of India has in the first instance taken up projects for production of certified seeds in Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab through the State Seeds Corporations of the concerned States with the following objectives:

(i) To supplement the efforts of the state government to augment availablity of certified seeds of those varities of cotton the quality of which had deteriorated over years creating problems in marketing of those varieties in domestic and overseas market.

(ii) To assist in improving yields and production of cotton in the country by augmenting supplies of certified seeds which is considered critical input in production of cotton.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Distribution of Yarn through Public Distribution System**

3807. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minsitry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution has written to the Ministry of Textiles to consider the suggestion of a MP to take up distribution

of certain standard counts of yarn at reasonable rates through Public Distribution System at least on a pilot basis in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the actual recommendation of the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The recommendation of the Ministry of Civil Supplies was for carrying out distribution of hank yarn on pilot basis in some areas of Andhra Pradesh in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) The Ministry of Textiles has suggested to the Ministry of Civil Supplies to hold a meeting at their own level in order to examine the feasibility of the proposal.

**Production through powerlooms**

3808. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Apex Handloom Weavers' Cooperatives are required to get their bye-laws amended to take up production through Powerlooms;

(b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society Ltd.'s (APCO), Hyderabad, bye-laws would amended to permit it to take up production through Powerlooms as decided at a meeting of senior administrative officers held on 1st June, 1994 at Hyderabad;

(c) whether Government are aware that Primary Powerloom Weavers' Cooperative Society and an Apex Powerloom Weavers' Cooperative Society already exist in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the amounts invested by Government for Primary and Apex Powerloom Weavers' Cooperative Societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) To enable Apex Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Ltd., (APCO) to take up production through powerlooms, there is need to amend bye-laws of the society.

(b) In a meeting of Senior Administrative Officers held on 01.06.1994 at Hyderabad, it was proposed that APCO may also under take production through powerlooms and to consider amending bye-laws of APCO.

(c) There are Primary Powerloom Weavers' Cooperative Societies in the State but there is no Apex Powerloom Society in the State.

(d) The Government has not invested in Primary Powerloom Weavers Cooperative Societies.

**Thrift Fund Scheme for Weavers' Cooperatives**

3809. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Thrift Fund Scheme has been introduced in the Primary Weavers' Cooperatives for the benefit of Weavers' Cooperatives;

(b) what is the rate of contribution to be made by the weavers and the contribution to be given by the State and Central Governments;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State Governments had not paid their contribution since 1st April, 1991 and the Central Government since 1st April, 1992; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the revised Thrift Fund Scheme introduced from 1991-92, the rate of contribution to be made by the weavers and the contribution to be given by the State and Central Government is as under:

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|---|---|
| (i) Weavers contribution: | 8 paise per rupee of wages earned. |
| (ii) Contribution of Central Government: | 4 paise per rupee. |

†Transliteration in Arabic script.